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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - CUBA: CASTRO TRANSITION

August 13 Santiago conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 102,000) ran a column by historian Joaquin Fernandois entitled, "Cuba and Chile: The Last Act?" Quote:

"Cuba has never forgiven that part of the Chilean left that helped consolidate democracy in Chile, and less those who praised the 'Chilean model.' What will follow in Cuba will no longer be the same, but the truth is that the heirs (of the Cuban model), including the new populists in Latin America, will reproduce the hostility toward Chile's model. This was evident in the criticism that Fidel Castro made of Chile and Bachelet in the Mercosur Summit in Argentina.... Events show that perhaps this will be the last act of the odd ties that have lasted for almost half a century."

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